

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ethan Van Underwood, 2000
Salutatorian of Smith County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Van Underwood is one such exceptional student who recently was named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ethan has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ethan has earned an exemplary 4.408 grade point average; he was elected to membership in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* twice; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman, Ethan was a member of the Junior Beta Club and a member of the Beta Club for the next three years. He was also a member of the Science and Math Club for two years, the Library Club for three years, the Spanish Club for two years and the Speech and Drama Club as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Ethan has played on the varsity baseball team for three years and the varsity golf team for four years; he tied for second place in the regional golf tournament and was able to participate in the state golf tournament in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many sports and extracurricular activities, Ethan has been a member of the school newspaper staff for two years and escorted the homecoming queen during homecoming activities, all the while maintaining perfect attendance for four years; and

WHEREAS, Ethan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and major in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ethan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ralph and Patricia Underwood, his grandparents Clifton and Lillie Nixon and J. C. Underwood, his sister, Marianne Bell, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ethan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Smith County High School Salutatorian, Ethan Van Underwood, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.